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THE DIXIE

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE DIXIE (31ST) DIVISION

"IT SHALL BE DONE"

Dixiedoodle Says:

No more and move a quar-
ter for stamps . . .

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Sgt. Anderson Of 124th's Co. G Most Decorated

Veteran Soldier Won DSC In
World War Combats

Company G of the 124th Infantry lays claim to having the most decorated First Sergeant in the Dixie Division in First Sergeant Emory L. Anderson whose record is one that can be approached by very few men in military service.

"Andy," as he is called by the men and officers of the Second Battalion, is reluctant to speak of the honors that have been bestowed upon him for his services during the World War but after much pressure was brought to bear, it was found that he first joined the service on January 19, 1917 at the age of 16. He was assigned to a post in Eagle Pass, Texas and subsequently joined the 26th Infantry of the First Division at San Benito, Texas. Embarking with his Division from Hoboken, N. Y., he landed in St. Lazare, France on June 27, 1917 and was wounded in action a few days later in an engagement at Soissons. In this engagement he continued his advance despite the wounds he sustained during a plane attack.

Again Wounded

On July 18, 1917, he was again severely wounded in another engagement and again he displayed unusual valor in continuing to advance with his automatic rifle until ordered to the rear by his company commander. During his term of service, he participated in seven major engagements.

For his exhibitions of heroism under fire, "Andy" received numerous citations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, Order of the Purple Heart and the Silver Heart. He served under Capt. R. K. Whitson who is now assigned to the Fourth Corps Area Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

He returned to civilian life in July 1920 and after 12 years joined Company G as a private. He was made First Sergeant of the Company in 1935 and has functioned in that capacity since that time.

Incidentally, he is a married man who is very much in love with his wife and eight children.

MRS. KELLEY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. R. H. Kelley entertained the ladies of the Station Complement, Reception Center, Constructing Quartermaster, attached 17th Field Artillery and IVth Corps units Thursday afternoon, receiving the officers of those units at 5:00 P. M.

NOT A CHAIN GANG



But these Louisiana soldiers (names omitted through pity) got too zealous about their military haircuts and couldn't leave the company area until they grew some hair again.

MAKING THE GHOST WALK AT CAMP IS LT. COL. WEAR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Col. Mogabgab Tells How Best To Curb Illness

Attention of the entire command of the Dixie Division was called by Col. Anes Mogabgab, division surgeon, to the necessity of safeguarding against the spread of communicable diseases, especially those of the respiratory group.

Communicable diseases are those which are conveyed from one person to another. Colonel Mogabgab explained. Those of the respiratory group are caused by a germ that passes easily from person to person, by contact, direct or indirect, and through food and water, and utensils used in the kitchens and mess halls.

The following points are essential in decreasing the instances of respiratory diseases:

1. Proper ventilation.
2. Proper bed spacing.
3. Prevention of over-crowding.
4. Barracks sanitation.
5. Prevention of chilling and fatigue.
6. Mess sanitation.

Every officer and man is familiar with these factors which are thoroughly covered in Army Regulations.

General Benedict Inspects Division Special Troops

Maj. General J. L. Benedict commanding general of the Fourth Corps, made an inspection tour of the Dixie Division Wednesday.

General Benedict inspected quarters, official buildings, schools and field activities while here, and expressed himself as pleased with the development of the camp and the men of the division.

Lt. Col. Hugh A. Wear is the Mister Man of the Camp Blanding payroll.

As Camp Finance Officer, the young-looking Texan with 23 years in the army behind him is primarily responsible for making the ghost walk every month for the approximately 13,000 soldiers, 1,000 officers and 500 citizens on Uncle Sam's payroll here. It's a big job, bigger than the same task in private enterprise because of the safeguards which the government puts upon the disbursement of its money.

Started In Bank

But although Colonel Wear has been in the Finance Department only since August, 1939, he was handling money before he joined the army. Back in 1917, recently graduated from Texas A. and M., Hugh Wear was assistant cashier in his father's bank in Rogers, Texas. Upon the entry of the United States in the World War, he left the cashier's cage, never to return.

His army career has taken him a long way from Texas. His first service was on the Mexican border, throughout 1917 and 1918. Then, as a lieutenant in the 5th Infantry, he spent three years on the Rhine with the Army of Occupation, from 1919 to 1922. Returning from abroad with the 5th, he was assigned to the forts at Portland, Maine, and remained there until 1928. A year at Fort Benning followed, and then Colonel Wear was assigned to the University of Maine as an instructor until 1934.

To Finance In '39

From the crisp Maine climate, he was sent to Panama, with the 14th Infantry, on a tour of duty which lasted until 1936. Back to the states again, he was on duty with the 18th Infantry at Fort Hamilton, New York, until 1938, when he was assigned to the University of Wyoming. After a year of R.O.T.C. work there, he

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NEARLY 8 1-2 MILLION IN LIFE INSURANCE APPLIED FOR TO DATE BY OFFICERS, MEN OF DIVISION

ONLY RUMOR

Hey Joe, wonder if we'll stay a whole year?"—"Say Bill, wonder where we go from here—Panama?"—"Joe says we'll go to Panama."—"Pete says Joe told him he heard a Colonel say we were sure to leave inside a month."—And so rumors spread. If any change is to be made in the orders of the Division, they will come with plenty of warning, so avoid such idle gossip. Some soldiers have even gone so far as to write such things home, causing a flock of letters to their commanding officers.

When the time comes that the Division might have to move, an official order will be sent out, far in advance of the change. Pay no attention to "Lairing Rumors," they only cause worry and uncertainty at home.

Starke Skeet Club Invites Dixie Shooters

Mr. W. P. Smith, and Mr. Mundy, of the Starke Gun Club, have extended an invitation to the officers and enlisted personnel of the 31st Division to participate in "Skeet" shooting over their range at any time. Mr. Smith and Mr. Mundy are very much interested in this sport, and are eager to have regular competitions in the future. Aside from their generous offer to permit the use of the range, they have offered to supply the necessary guns for those who are interested in the sport.

All personnel who may desire to avail themselves of this very generous and friendly offer are requested to contact Captain Ben Hudson, Division Athletic Officer, or Lt. Horace G. Towell, through the G-1 Section at Division headquarters. Practice and competitive shooting will get under way as soon as practicable, as the 31st Division team has been challenged by the Jacksonville Gun Club.

Defeat 124th

The Special Troops basketball team walked over the 124th Infantry team last Friday night at Green Cove Springs by the score of 38 to 5. Charley Pound led the scoring with ten points, followed closely by Mestayer with 8 and John Davis with 6. The team is trying to get games with other outfits both inside and outside the camp.

Average Is \$3,500; Insurance Officer Warns Of Deadline

A total of \$8,405,000 in National Service insurance had been applied for up to Wednesday evening by 2,541 officers and men of the Dixie Division, according to Captain Lawrence W. Springer, division insurance officer and aide to General John C. Persons.

The average is about \$3,500, Captain Springer said, in emphasizing the desirability of this low-rate, convertible insurance which can be taken in amounts from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Men inducted on October 8 have only until February 5 to take out a policy, he said, while those who were inducted on November 25 have until March 25 to insure themselves while in service.

Policy Cost Lower

The policies offered men in service are much lower than any that can be obtained in private life, and give both officers and men a chance to give protection to their families in case of any eventualities. It is hoped that before the time limits are up the division will be 100 percent insured, Captain Springer said.

An enviable insurance record was made by the Regimental Headquarters Battery of the 114th Field Artillery whose four officers and 67 men have all taken insurance, for a total of \$441,000. Only three men in the entire battery have taken less than \$5,000. Credit for this showing goes principally to Lt. Philip J. Myers, battery insurance officer, and three former top-ranking insurance men, Master Sergeant John Ashcraft, Pvt. Theron M. Lemly and Pvt. A. J. Brewerton, who did a good selling job among the men.

Sgt. Ellis Is Named President Of Dixie D Club

Tech. Sgt. Luther B. Ellis, GSS Hq. Det., was elected president of the Dixie D, non-commissioned officers' club. Other officers named were: Tech. Sgt. Paul S. Rodgers, vice-president; Tech. Sgt. Martin L. McCoy, secretary; Sgt. Edgar A. Swann, treasurer; Mr. Sgt. Witt Murphey, personnel director.

A dinner party at a Jacksonville hotel and several sightseeing trips to nearby points of interest are being planned by the club.

The Starke American Legion Post held an oyster supper Tuesday at 8:00 P. M. Veterans of the World War now at Camp Blanding were guests of the Post.

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BRIGHTER SIDE

For some time we've had a hunch that despite the emphasis that is being placed upon our defense shortcomings, there's another and brighter side to the picture. America is having a tough time gearing itself to do in a year what Germany took eight to accomplish, but the difficulty is primarily one of production. If this trouble with industrial change were linked to equal slowness in making soldiers out of America's citizen manpower, there'd be reason to worry.

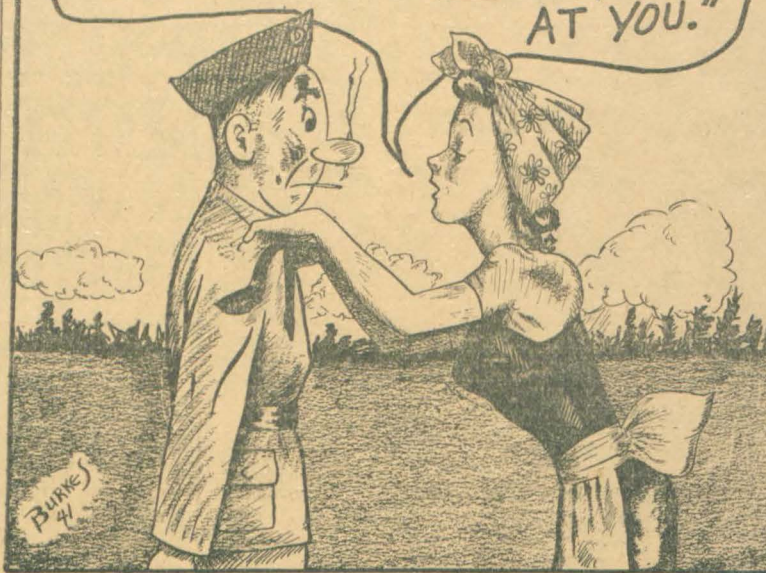
But we're just optimistic enough to believe that this nation still has time to produce what it needs for defense, before it is actually endangered, and that meanwhile the army is saying little but sawing plenty of wood.

Here in Camp Blanding we can't see very far beyond our own company streets, or at the most, beyond the activities of our individual regiments. Because of this it is difficult to imagine the entire, coordinated picture of growing numbers of men learning rapidly the business of soldiering. Perhaps we don't realize ourselves how much we have learned, or the aptitude which we and our erstwhile civilian fellows show. Yet, it would be strange if Americans didn't learn the technique of modern warfare readily, for it is a mechanized, self-reliant technique. It would also be strange if the men under arms in this country today were not willing and capable pupils. For despite our love of peace, we are not a nation of pacifists. We've fought wars on the average of every twenty-five years since attaining our independence. And we have not lost one yet.

These optimistic beliefs were strengthened this week after hearing General John C. Persons, commanding general of the 31st Division, comment on what he saw during his ten days at Fort Benning where he and other general officers attended a "refresher" course. That infantry school, said General Persons, is taking advantage of every new development in warfare, and is teaching these developments to avid pupils. The American army is catching up on everything from mechanized divisions to parachute troops. General Persons was especially enthusiastic about these latter, who at Fort Benning consist of 500 picked men. He described them as the finest physical specimens he had ever seen. They're going through some rough training, but there have been only a few broken bones thus far.

Five hundred parachute troops and a couple of mechanized divisions don't add up to much right now. But in a month or two all the Army will need is the tools of the trade, and they'll be forthcoming before we have to use them—or so many of us believe. Meanwhile, if you run across any down in the mouth soldier or civilian who moans about the personnel handicaps of the Army, don't agree with him out of sympathy. Our hunch is that he doesn't know what he's talking about. This Army is developing soldiers by the thousands, and in a hurry.

"AND HONEY, BE SURE YOU WEAR YOUR UNIFORM CORRECTLY, I DON'T WANT SOME NASTY OLE SERGEANT TO BE VELLING DRESS RIGHT AT YOU."



Know Your Outfit . . .

MOBILE RIFLES HAVE LONG AND HONORABLE WAR RECORD

"It Shall Be Done"—that phrase, used as the motto of the Hq. Company, 31st Division, formerly the Mobile Rifles of Mobile, Alabama, is fitting, for the Company has done much since 1836 when the unit was first organized.

When the Creek war broke out, the "Rifles" were rushed into action, seeing the entire campaign through. They faced the Mexicans, then turned to repel their Yankee invaders, facing the blue clad men of the north on over fifty battlefields before the day when Lee handed his sword to Grant. After three more minor campaigns, the Rifles were again called out, and this time they entered the famous Rainbow Division, and though split up, the entire unit remained within the 4th Alabama Infantry. They went overseas with the A. E. F., and saw action on several fronts before the armistice.

For 104 years the Company has been in existence, performing many deeds of service in peace time, and marching away to war each time the call sounded. But all their honors were not won on the battlefield. During peace time training, the men of the Company also excelled. In a national competition during the year 1883, the Rifles entered the national drilling contest, and defeated the cream of the nations drilling units. They received a total of \$5,000 cash for this feat.

And added to their list of individual war heroes, Robert du Mont, then a member of the company, won the title: "The best drilled man in the United States."

Gen. Persons Returns To Camp

The Dixie Division Commander, General John C. Persons, is again in active charge of the training center, following his return from Fort Benning, Ga., where he attended a 10 day course at the infantry school. He was accompanied to the Georgia Camp by four high ranking officers of the Division.

SPECIALISTS ALL—

Medicos Work In War And Peace

Probably the least appreciated soldier in the army is the man of the Medical Regiment. Little publicity is devoted to his work, for it is done, not with guns, or bombs or airplanes, but in the quiet of a hospital or after a battle.

He is at war during every moment of the time troops are mobilized, fighting a silent, unnoticed enemy, far more dangerous than any the infantryman faces.

Each day the casualties of that battle pour into hospitals, and the medic matches ability with the germs who are always eating at the strength of the troops. Each day he has, not a sham battle, but a life and death struggle, where one lax moment means a battle lost.

The army medical man has full facilities during peace time; every thing he might need is available, but he must train for war as well as the next soldier. He must learn to carry on under conditions an ordinary doctor will seldom face. He must go to the front with the troops, and there care for the wounded, often having to make his supplies for a few do for uncounted numbers.

In camp he is always on the alert, always examining and testing in order to protect fighting men. The enlisted men of the Medical Regiment carry no guns, but are armed with gauze, bandages, splints, drugs, antiseptics and supplies for the wounded.

The 31st has an unusually good hospitalization record, and much credit is due the men who prevented what might have happened. Should anyone doubt the work done by the Medical Detachments, they are invited to drop into any dispensary during sick call and watch the work for a few hours.

PRIVATE TALK

BY PRIVATE JAMES ALSOP

Gosh it certainly is nice to be happy. This hack was in a blue mood until he heard about the plight of Private Flynn A. Sealy, of Co. E, 106th Quartermaster Regiment. It seems that while on Guard duty one Saturday night, he heard the news that his girl was to be married to a rival. The next morning he awoke, flat broke, and drew a full week of guard duty. Whew—but we're lucky boys.

It's that long arm of coincidence working again: Pvt. James L. Dixon, Hq. Btry. 56th F. A. Brigade, was confined to the camp hospital. A rabid radio "Ham," Pvt. Dixon happened to mention his interest while Captain Eldridge, X-ray technician was about. Immediately they began comparing notes. Well—the outcome of the matter was that the two discovered that they had many a long conversation before coming to camp, but this was the first time they had ever seen one another. Fate and the army arrange some queer things.

And then there's that crack by Pvt. Estes, also of Hq. Btry., 56th F. A. Brigade, when he was issued his woolen underwear: "I'm tickled pink over the last pair."

Can you name any more faithful lads than Merton Brunette, Wilson Herbert and Frank Bodinx, all of Co. B, 156th Inf.? None of the group has been off the reservation since arrival.

The 156th should have a fine cheering section at least. Stf. Sgt. Billy Chappel was one of the L. S. U., cheering promoters until the National Guard took him away. His swan song was at the L. S. U.-Tulane game, when he received a special leave for the event.

Now there's an idea worth considering—Corporal Ernest of Company D says: "The army simulates guns, distance, tanks and even men, why can't we find some way to simulate getting up in the morning?" A heck of a good idea Corporal—and this writer knows at least one Sergeant who knows darn well how to STIMULATE getting up.

WAS HIS FACE RED—Sgt. Ed Wright, Co. H, 106th Meds was giving his famous imitation of a Fice pup. The bus rolled on and the boys rolled in the aisles. A rather inebriated gent in the back stood up, burped gently, squelched his obvious inclination to fall on his face, and said: "Com'n Fido, I'll buy you a beer."

Several members of Co. B, 106 Medics were strolling down a street in Jax, when one of their Sergeants came staggering from the place they were passing. Trying to hide him from curious eyes they gathered around. "That place is haunted," he gasped. No trace of liquor was apparent, so they investigated. He had wandered into a doorway opened by a "Magic-eye" ray.

THE 31ST DAY

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

MOVIES

Following is a schedule of feature attractions coming to the 31st Division Theatre during the week. Special matinees are offered each Saturday and Sunday afternoons beginning at 2 o'clock. There is only one matinee performance. Regular night performances begin at 6 and 8 o'clock. Saturday—"SANTA FE MARSHAL," featuring Bill Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy; and "THE SECRET SEVEN," featuring Florence Rice and Barton MacLane.

Sunday & Monday—"BOOM TOWN," featuring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamar and Claudette Colbert.

Tuesday—"YOUNG PEOPLE," featuring Shirley Temple, Jack Oakie and Charlotte Greenwood.

Wednesday & Thursday—"THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH," special feature-length production by the March of Time.

Friday—"THE GREAT PROFILE," featuring John Barrymore and Mary Beth Hughes.

Saturday—Double Feature—"SAPS AT SEA," featuring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy; and "MELODY AND MOONLIGHT," featuring Johnny Downs and Vera Vague.

Sunday & Monday—"WYOMING," featuring Wallace Berry and Leo Carrillo.

Petey Sarron Handles Fights At 167 Infantry

More Than 1,000 See Matches
Opening Night Last Friday

With an audience of more than 1,000 men, all of this regiment, the 167th Infantry boxing classics were under way Friday night, January 24. Under the direction of former world champion featherweight boxer, Petey Sarron of Birmingham, Ala., the fights are being staged at a newly constructed arena back of the Post Exchange. This is a part of the athletic program under the command of Captain W. D. Newman, regimental recreation officer.

In eight three round bouts on this night the spectators were treated to a show comparable to any professional fight card, in the feather-weights, light-weights, middle-weights and heavy weights. The fights were as follows: 1st bout, Harold Young, Co. G, 135 lbs. Winner over Billy Hines, Co. C, 135 lbs.; 2nd Bout, J. Johnson, Co. M, 145 lbs. Winner over W. Pridmore, Co. L, 145 lbs.; 3rd bout, Ed Ambrose, Co. C, 126 lbs. Winner over Raymond McKinney, Co. I, 125 lbs.; 4th bout, Freckles Brown, Hdq. Detach. 2nd Battalion, 126 lbs. Winner over L. J. Smith, Co. C, 126 lbs.; 5th bout, Bill Jones, Co. F, 165 lbs. Winner by technical knockout over Norman Roberts, Co. K, 175 lbs.; 6th bout, Ted Hamner, Hdq. Detach. 1st Battalion, 175 lbs. Winner by technical knockout over Wiley Teal, Co. G, 170 lbs.; 7th bout, Howard Goolsby, Co. E, 190 lbs. Winner over Rufus Ware, Co. C, 190 lbs.; 8th bout, Clearman Carruth, Co. C, 125 lbs. vs. Earl Carrel, Co. K, 125 lbs., decision, draw.

Most spectacular fights of the night were the 5th bout with Bill Jones of Co. F opposing Norman Roberts of Co. K; 7th bout with Howard Goolsby opposing Rufus Ware and the last fight, the two featherweights, Carruth and Carrel who fought to a draw. This fight contained more action than any of the evening. Both men are good. All these scrapers show plenty of evidence of experience in the ring. All participants in the program will train under Petey Sarron and, considering the way they showed up on this night there'll be plenty of leather slingin' in store for spectators.

Dental Officers On Week-End Duty

Due to the fact that each Regiment has only one dental officer, a schedule has been arranged so that one officer will be on duty in the Division each week-end. The Officers on duty for the following week-ends are: Captain A. K. Naugle, 106th Eng. Jan 25th to 27th; Lt. Clyde Harris, 124th Inf. Feb 1st to 3rd; Captain James Holdstock, 116th Field Artillery, Feb. 8th to 10th; Lt. Wells, 167th Inf., Feb. 15th to 17th; Captain Charles L. Smith, 155th Inf., Feb. 22nd to 24th; Captain Arthur D. Adair, 117th F. A., Mar. 1st to 3rd; Captain M. H. Hagood, 167th Inf., Mar. 8th to 10th and Captain Max Williams, 106th Med. Reg., Mar. 15th to 17th.

NAME COLLECTION
Employees of the Starke Laundry are "collecting" a menagerie of names from Dixie Division customers.
Already they have a Roach, a Pigg, a Hogg, a Tode and a Lyon. In addition, a garden department is being started with a Turnipseed. They confess however, they don't know how to classify a Jump and a Jeep, unless the latter is the past tense of the former.

Blalock Wins Another Fight

Decision Over Rich High-
light Of 124th Boxing Card

Private Charlie Blalock, of Service Company, 124th Infantry nicked another notch in his battle for heavyweight championship of the 124th Infantry when he pounded out a three round decision over Private Waldo Rich of Company F in the feature bout of the boxing card presented last week.

Blalock, tipping the scales at 192 pounds, waded into Rich, a 200 pounder, early in the initial round and shot lefts and rights to Rich's face and drove him helplessly into the ropes and continued to shoot hard punches into Rich's mid-section. Both boys exchanged blows to the head as the round ended but Blalock resumed his hard charges early in the second. However, Rich was able to ward off a number of Blalock's punches and was the aggressor for the remainder of the round although he took hard blows to the stomach in close quarters in the late minutes of the stanza.

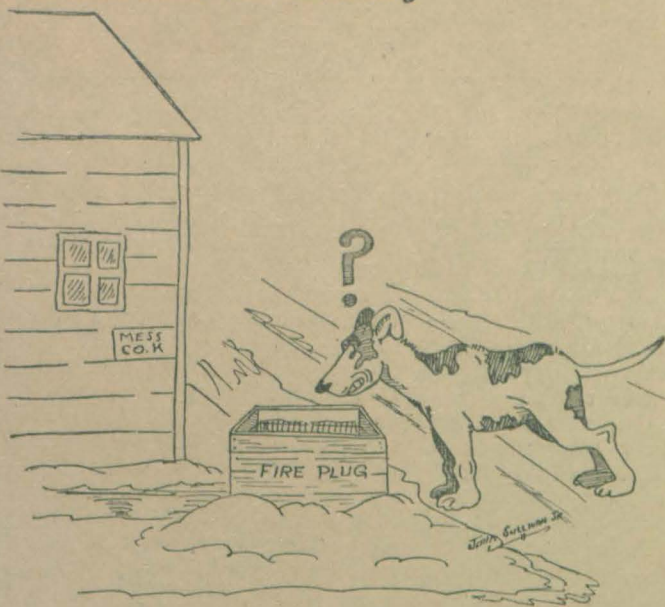
Blalock, appearing to be in good shape, came out for the third and unleashed a terrific barrage of rights and lefts to Rich's face and mid-section. Several times he drove Rich into the ropes. Rich attempted to keep away from the rampaging Blalock but Blalock got in close and forced Rich into the ropes again and dropped him to the canvass. Rich was still on the floor at the count of five sounded ending the bout.

In another feature bout on the card, Private Boyd Rinfro of Company G of Jacksonville was the victim in his fight with Sergeant Jim Barnes, representing Company B of the 106th Engineers from Vicksburg, Miss., when he failed to come out for the third round. Barnes, weighing 165 pounds, started the first round well with Rinfro, 162 pounder. Both boys showed excellent defensive ability. However, near the middle of the round, Barnes began to connect with straight lefts to Rinfro's face and then connecting with hard rights to the jaw and mid-section. Rinfro came back in the second and was able to land several neat rights to Barnes jaw and forehead. Both boys exchanged blows
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DRAGON GETS NEW EDITOR

THE MISSISSIPPI DRAGON, weekly newspaper of the 114th Field Artillery, has a new set of editors. New Editor of the paper is Second Lieutenant Venton B. Imes, Jr., Battery D. Assistant Editors are First Lt. Edmund E. Wells, Chaplain, and Sgt. Shelby D. Foote, Battery A.

Bewilderment At Blanding



LIFE IS DIFFERENT AT CAMP BLANDING, THIS PRIVATE THINKS

By Private Sam Bradley

The thud, thud of many marching men—the rattle of equipment—the rumble of heavy trucks—the bark of rifles—the rat-a-tat of machine guns—the thunderous roar of the "big guns." All these, and many more, sing the rhapsody that is Camp Blanding. There is no time for slowing down, no time for wasting efforts, from the moment of reveille before the sun comes sweeping in from the east in a blaze of flashing, darting splendor until retreat, when thousands of determined, grim-faced youths stand at rigid attention as the "Stars and Stripes" are lowered to the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the day's wasted sun sinks over the western slopes into a sea of blue and gold crimson beauty. There comes a sensation that thrills up and down one's spine and perhaps a tear of joy is wiped away and a prayer of thanksgiving is breathed to God that the love of America is so in the hearts of such guardians of our shores—a love so great that those who stand under the fluttering emblem of everything held dear to them—home and loved ones and freedom, hold no effort too strenuous, no sacrifice too great to preserve those cherished treasures.

Checkerboard Tents
Comes night and tiny pin-points of light appear here and there until the thousands of acres are a huge checker-board of lighted tents. In those tents are those same boys who stood only a few moments ago at statesque attention. Some are laughing and singing, some are reading, some are writing those letters home—those letters that mean so much. Others are merely lying on their cots with that look in their eyes that can only come to one who is thinking of home, of mother, or perhaps "one" who is waiting. Gradually, as some chorus that slowly sings itself into silence, this huge camp settles into quiet. The lights being to flicker and then disappear here and there until across the stillness comes "Taps";

"Day is Done,
Gone the Sun,
From the Hills
From the Vales
From the Sky
All is Well,
All is Well,
God is Nigh."
A night bird cries and the world is still.

Tells Engineers What Is Expected

"What are we going to do about the 106th Engineers? After a month of camp life and after all experiments with new-fangled fixtures have grown old we have to settle down to hard work. This second month will be the hardest month of the year for you men," Col. Hulen, commanding officer of the 106th Engineers, said last week during his first of a series of man to man talks with his soldiers.

"It will be necessary for every man to realize at all times the importance of this years' camp and to endeavor to get the most out of whatever will be offered that will make him more capable of protecting our country in case of war.

"During your first few weeks at this new and beautiful location you spent your free moments admiring the many new improvements made over the old national guard camp for your convenience. I dare say that upon arriving at Blanding you strolled leisurely about your company street marveling over the new and beautiful wood tent-shells that professional carpenters built for you. You expressed your gratitude for the new hot and cold showers in the modern latrine and then you were surprised to find that you were to have mattresses with sheets and pillows for sleeping purposes.

How To Spend Time
"And you should have done all of this but now that all the newness has worn off the camp and you have nothing more to express your gratitude for except that which you already have—what are you going to do to pass your idle time?—Are you going to spend your nights in your tents gathered around a fire sympathizing with your tent-mates or are you going to change from a cynical soul to a darn good engineer? Forget your homesickness and concentrate on being a good soldier and you will begin to realize the good that can be had from this years' training program.

"The engineers of any man's fighting forces are essential for success. France and Belgium accuse their poorly trained engineers for losing this last struggle with Germany. Germany, in turn, gives credit to their superior engineers for their victories. Without well trained engineers all of the infantries in the world are helpless infants. It is imperative that our engineers be superior in

**BLANDING
BREVITIES**
S. A. E. ALUMNUS CLUB
The alumni of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will hold a meeting next Wednesday night, at the Special troops recreation hall at 8:00 P. M., where plans will be perfected to organize a regular Camp Blanding Alumni Association.
All members of the fraternity are urged to attend the meeting, or drop a card to Pvt. James Alsop, c/o THE DIXIE.

MASONS TO REGISTER
A notice has been sent out for all Free and Accepted Masons to submit their names to Chaplain Brown. Officers and Enlisted Men will do this immediately, as the information is wanted by a District Officer of the Masonic Fraternity.

MAIL HELD UP
The Daily Bulletin announced that a large amount of Mail not addressed to individuals by the correct unit or no unit at all has been held at the post office. Any one not receiving expected letters will do well to call at the General Delivery Section at the Post Office building in the 43rd Division area. A. P. O. 31 is on Road X, just off the 31st Division grounds.

**DAILY BULLETIN
DEADLINE**
Any person desiring to have an item published in the Daily Bulletin, Official publication of the Adjutant General's Office, must submit their copy by 10:00 A. M. of the day publication is desired.

GOLFERS SOUGHT
All men interested in tournament golf are requested to contact Captain Ben Hudson, Division Athletic Officer, at the G-1 office, Division Headquarters.

THEATRE AID
Mr. L. C. Case, president, and Mr. Edward Crowley, Director of the Jacksonville Little Theatre, have offered to meet with any of the personnel of the Camp interested in such undertakings, and render whatever assistance they can. Mr. Crowley's address is 2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville.

FOUNTAIN PEN FOUND
A fountain pen was found in the vicinity of the Officer's Mess, 31st Division Headquarters, Sunday, January 26th. Owner may call for the pen at the mess hall, and claim it upon identification.

order that our land of the free and home of the brave may exist without hinderance.
"You men of the 106th Engineers play an important part in Uncle Sam's training program and, since this is true, I'm going to ask your opinions as to what steps should be taken to insure ourselves of being good engineers."
All of the men agreed that they could, should, and would make their regiment the best in the army. They agreed unanimously that they could be transformed into an even better regiment than they already are by striving to carry out a group of rules concerning the complete cooperation of the enlisted men with officers, through observing military courtesy, and first aid.

EYES RIGHT . . . Along Dixie's Company Streets

HQ. BTRY. 56TH F. A. BRIG.

Captain Chester R. Yates, Headquarters Battery acting commander, will leave Blanding Feb. 2, for Ft. Sill, Okla., where he will take a three month's course for artillery officers. Acting commander during Capt. Yates' absence will be Lt. Joseph J. Stephens, who will direct the unit until the return of Captain W. R. Gunby, now at Ft. Sill.

Two enlisted men of Hq. Btry. have been recommended for enrollment in the specialist school at Ft. Sill. Pvt. 1st class Floyd H. Bowman will enter motor mechanic's school and Pvt. 1st class Grethel C. Fields, will enter the signal communications school.

Promotions in the battery have been announced: To Master Sergeant Paul E. Allyn. To First Sergeant, Milton H. Parnelle.

Five boys of the Battery are being allowed to take the necessary courses which will give them their high school diplomas in May. They will be allowed special leaves on that occasion, in order to return home for the exercises.

SPECIAL TROOPS

The special troops volley ball team defeated the team from the 155th Infantry Tuesday night, in an intra-regiment contest, by a score of 34 to 24. Several other games are being scheduled, and lights have been installed on the court in the Special Troops area in order that the games may be played at night.

155TH INFANTRY

Promotions in Company H have been announced: Sergeant Charles H. Davenport, to Stf. Sgt.; To Sgt.: Fernand D. Brackstone, Troy T. Clifton, Robert E. Davenport, James R. Goodh, Jessie B. Leeth, James B. Terry. To Corporal: Quinton D. Anderson, Calvin C. Arnold, Graham C. Huff, Lee R. Johnson, John M. Stewart, Homer L. Criswell, Willie M. Green, Willard L. Hamm, Sam L. Lambert, J. L. Lawson, James D. McKee, James W. Patey, and Edwin N. Scruggs.

106TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

Promotions in Co. B have been numerous lately. Recent ratings are: To Sgt.: Garnell Andrews, Charles Nicholson, Wilford Walters, James A. Murray, H. L. Mayfield, Robert L. Stevens, Raymond A. McBride, and Robert S. Windham. To Corporal: Elijah H. Jenkins, Ernest McCraw, Mack G. McBride, James M. Harrison, William H. Flowers, John V. Ainsworth, Leo A. Walker, Thomas Tillery, Norris R. Ownes. Two new Staff Sgts., were appointed: Roy L. Nelson and Jake B. Hogue.

Company E Headquarters has announced a list of promotions for the company. Ratings are as follows: Sgt. McGee to Stf. Sgt.; To Sgt.: Cpl. Cain, Cpl. Henderson, Cpl. Sumerall, Pvt. 1st class Spencer; To Corporal: Pvs. 1st class Brough, Chandler, Infinger and H. Tippins.

Due to the good work of Sgt. Gordon Black and his detail, Co. H. now has a tennis court—and one shrub.

114TH FIELD ARTILLERY

The Regiment has received fourteen new trucks, seven of them the new type command cars.

Lts. Havens of the Service Battery, Treadwell of 2nd Bn. Hq. Btry., and Hand of the Med. Dept., are enrolled in a flying school in Gainesville. Lt. Treadwell has had quite a bit of flying

experience, having been in the aviation class at Miss. State College.

Officers of the Regiment, and their families were guests of Colonel A. G. Paxton at an informal reception at the Penney Farms Community.

Four officers of the Regiment have been assigned to detached services. They are: Capt. Robert H. Dawson, now on special duty with the division staff, reports to Levenworth for two months instruction; Capt. Fred W. Koops, Jr., Reg. Adj., Capt. William P. Wilson, C. O. Hq. Btry. 3rd Bn., and Lt. Thomas L. Baggett, Hq. Btry. 1st Bn., have been ordered to report to commandant at Fort Sill, Okla.

The Service Btry., entertained visitors over the week-end receiving a surprise visit from Mrs. Beverly Leigh, Jr., Misses Betty Wayne Dement, Rowena Ferrel, and Joe Breyer, all from Meridian, home town of the unit.

Pvts. Wallace Heitman, Robert Blanks, Henry M. Threefoot, Billie Curtis, Ting Harrington and Bill Cole made a trip to St. Augustine, Daytona Beach and Silver Springs, returning from the trip thoroughly convinced that Florida is a State of wonderful visiting places.

Battery F's softball team defeated the Med. Dept. Detachment in a close game, in the season opener. Spectators were kept tense the entire time until the final out. Score: Btry. F-28, Med. Det.-0.

117TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Battery F has lost three members within the last two weeks through promotions and transfers. Staff Sgt. B. M. Thornex has been promoted to Master Sgt. and transferred to Hq. Co. 31st Div., Battery Clerk Charles Laney has also been transferred to Hq. Co. 31st Div. and will serve as clerk in the same office as Sgt. Thorne. Both are assigned to the Adjutant General's Office. Jack Moore has been transferred to the Service Battery, where he will serve as a member of the band. Pvt. Charles N. Jones has been promoted to Staff Sgt. to fill the vacancy left by Sgt. Thorne's transfer. Pvt. Horace Eddins has been promoted to Battery clerk, and Pvt. Grady L. Jones will serve as Battery bugler.

106TH QM. REGIMENT

Lt. Johnson and Lt. Kizer of Co. A spent last week-end in Montgomery, Ala., visiting their wives who met them there. Captain and Mrs. Pate spent Friday at Daytona Beach visiting Mrs. Key, a family friend.

The Service Company had a visitor from Demopolis, Ala., Saturday, Mr. Ed Bailey paying his respects to the company. Several members of the unit made the trip to St. Augustine with him. Those making the trip were: Sgt. Walter Laird, Sgt. Burt Wilson and Pvt. Earle McAlpine.

Sgt. Ned Nettles, of the Service Co., has been placed in charge of the Motor Maintenance warehouse for the 31st Division.

Another visitor to the Service Co., was Vance LeQueux who spent the week-end with his brother, Pvt. 1st class Harold LeQueux.

Sgt. Lee R. Allen, of the Med. Dept. Detachment returned Wednesday from a trip to Atlanta. He had been attached to a truck convoy as Medical attendant.

Pvt. Stewart E. Jagers will be

assigned to the Station Hospital the first of February for a month of training.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rhymes and daughters, Ruth and Emma, of Valdosta, Ga., formerly of McComb, drove to Blanding Sunday to see the boys from the old home town, meaning the Med. Detachment.

Other visitors to the Med. Dept. Detachment during the past few days were: Mrs. D. Giglio and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilkerson, visiting Pvt. Dominic Giglio. They were accompanied by Mrs. M. L. Freeman, Mrs. Miller and Miss Eileen Hutchinson drove down to visit Pvt. Joseph Cato.

106TH ENGINEERS

Company A has disputed the claim made last week that Company E held the record in erecting a pre-fabricated bridge. It seems that Co. A bettered the old record by some 19 minutes, or in one hour and 20 minutes—working on the same type structure. This information was forwarded by Staff Sgt. B. P. Christenson.

Mess Sergeant Billy Wilson of Company D has received special commendation on the cleanliness of his kitchen.

Making The Ghost

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enrolled in the Finance School in Baltimore, in a coincidental resumption of the kind of career which he had left in 1917.

Colonel Wear got here earlier than most of us, early enough to get his wife and 8 year old son comfortably settled in Gainesville before tackling a large job short-handed. With only Master Sergeant Ernest Kemp, Staff Sergeant G. A. Seamands, and four privates with less than four months service, Colonel Wear arrived at Camp Blanding in October to face the job of organizing the camp finance office in record time.

Staff Augmented

The results prove how well the job has been done. Since the early hectic days, the slim staff has been supplemented by eight regulars from Fort Benning, two from the Finance school, and four civilian employees. In addition, two regular recruits have been added, and the Finance personnel of the 31st Division have augmented his force. These are Colonel J. L. Cogdell, Captain J. L. Crain, and 18 enlisted men. When the 43rd arrives, two officers and 20 men will be added from their numbers.

Perhaps you wonder what kind of a job it is to make up payrolls and supervise the financial system of an army camp. It's not one that most of us would like to try. The Finance Officer's force is housed in two buildings, and divided into sections—administrative, enlisted men's pay, officer's pay, accounting, and commercial accounts. In these departments, officers and soldiers function with the quiet precision of a large banking staff.

Paying In Cash

The job of paying off 13,000 men in cash each month is that which amazes the uninitiated the most. First, Colonel Wear and two assistants go to a local bank, where more than a half million in cash is stacked upon a metal table. (Next month it will be a lot more.) They bring with them

a payroll list submitted by the agent officer of each battalion, itemized precisely so that the exact amount of change will be forthcoming. The counting of this sum took only four hours last month, the silver being computed on counting machines and the bills by hand. After counting the money is placed in separate bags for each battalion, checked against a master list, and sealed. Then the individual bags are placed in three large bags, locked with a combination, meter-registering lock, and loaded into a steel field safe. Under guard, the payroll is then brought to camp for individual distribution.

Full Time Job

But counting and distribution is only a small part of the job. Officers must be paid by check. The 150-odd payrolls of the camp must be individually figured between the 20th and the 31st of each month, rechecked after payday, audited for corrections, and briefed on the outside of the rolls. During the month, the Finance Office must attend to travel pay, commutation of rations and quarters and supplemental payrolls. It must keep a record of all officers and men whose pay amounts to more than \$800 a year, for a report to the Collector of Internal Revenue. And the immensity of the payroll work can be best realized when you know that the names and pay of every officer and man are computed, checked and entered in the Finance Office.

And now just one little side-glance to end a still incomplete story. Assisting the Finance Office is one of those baffling, near-human contraptions called an International Payroll machine. It adds the payroll totals—and we don't understand how even that's done. But in addition it computes the exact amount of bills and change needed to make each payroll come out even. And we're still scratching our heads.

Blalock Wins

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in mid-ring before Barnes shot two rights to Rinfro's nose and mouth and brought blood.

Rinfro was very winded due to insufficient training but asked for a return bout with Barnes at an early date.

Joe Castellanos, 112 pound flyweight of Company B of the 106th Engineers of Vicksburg, Miss., scored a Technical Knockout over Private George Monton, a member of Company G, 156th Infantry from New Iberia, La. Monton failed to answer the bell for the second round due to lack of necessary equipment.

In a light-heavyweight tiff, Corporal Cliff Martin, 167 pounder, of Company B, 124th Infantry from Miami, was awarded a Technical Knockout over Private Sid Bryan of Company H from Lake City when the referee stopped the bout with only 50 seconds gone in the initial round.

Martin came out and immediately dropped Bryan to the canvass with a hard left to the face. Bryan was down for the count of one before coming back hard and jabbing Martin in the face and mid-section with several rights and lefts. However, Martin retaliated with a terrific barrage of blows which jarred Bryan before the referee halted the fight.

Lot Of Fighting Men In Family Of Cpl. C. F. Norris

Corporal Charles F. Norris of Co. K, 167th Infantry, can look back upon a long line of fighting men in his family.

A great-great uncle on his father's side fought in the War of 1812. His great-grandfather and two great uncles on his father's side served in the Union army, one with General Sherman, in the Civil War. Another was killed at Shiloh, and the third was wounded at Chattanooga. His great-grandfather on his mother's side was a Confederate under General Nathan B. Forrest.

In the Spanish-American war an uncle for whom he was named served with the First Alabama, and was later accidentally shot and killed at target practice in the Philippines in 1901. Another uncle, Lt. Thomas B. Norris served in the World War but did not get overseas. And, according to his father, his 81-year old grandmother believes Corporal Norris will make a good soldier and hopes that with Uncle Sam's material help the British will slap the blazes out of Hitler so that our boys won't have to go over there and do it for them.

Dixie Boxers To Meet Navy

Dixie Division athletes will enter "big time" activities during the next few weeks under a program being completed by Capt. Ben Hudson and his corps of recreation officers.

A select boxing team from the division is slated to meet a Navy team March 15 at Jacksonville, with Commander Gene Tunney as master of ceremonies. Dixie boxers to compose this team will be announced here within a few days.

The Dixie Division baseball team, yet to be selected by Capt. William D. Smith, 106th Q. M. recreation officer, will play a two-game series with Bob Feller's team, at Starke February 9 and at Palatka February 16.

Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians' star pitcher, will visit throughout the division February 11, starting his tour at 4 p. m.

Sergeant Art Usina of Service Company scored a decision over Private Sam Kirkland of Company L, from Bradenton in the light-heavyweight class.

Corporal Marvin Carver of Company E scored a Technical Knockout over Private Wilbur Foltz of the Medical Detachment when the referee halted the fight in the middle of the third and final round after both boys put up a fine fight but Foltz began to complain of a pain in his side due to several hard body punches thrown by Carver. Both fighters were welterweights, Carver tipping the scales at 145 pounds and Foltz at 142 pounds.

Private Tom Harris of Company F was awarded a decision over Private Dan Ellis of Company G in the opening bout.

Private Henry Howell of Headquarters Company won a three round decision over Private Bud Bennett, also of Headquarters Company.